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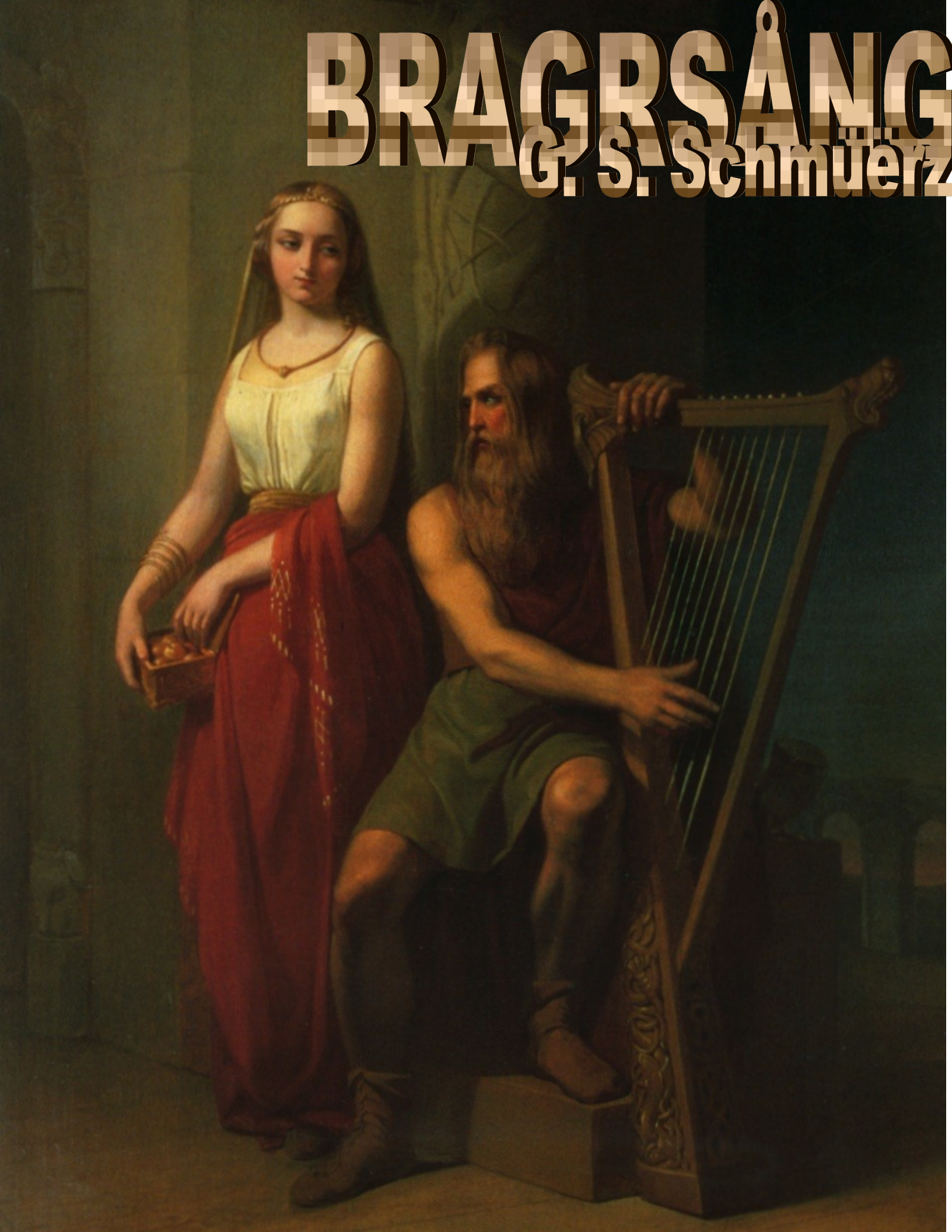

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Praise for these lowly creatures.
Iarnåsāfa the Giantess

"BRAGRSÅNG"

A HYPERBOREAN MYTH

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(THE SONG of BRAGR[1])

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There was a time before time, & nothing was existent.

There was no heaven or earth; &, no sun, moon, or stars.
There was neither sea or shore, nor any refreshing breeze;
there was only a vast, chiasmic abyss
without form or life.

This was the time of the great & terrible mother, Ilmater Urlak,
in barren emptiness alone, void :
hers was the womb wherein conceiveth creation.

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Ushered forth out of the silence a great, confused noise
implete within the darkest, coldest vastitude,
Ginungagap, gaping chaos,
vociferously incipient ... reverberating.
Convulsuous, the tumultuous cacophony metamorphed,
without breath or thought,

[1] Bragr, an ancient Teutonic 'warrior-poet', or skald; son of the Camenæ *Sibyl* Carmenta 'the Wyrdr'

Brymir Hargaut, violently voracious, now existed

Thus, in the beginning, out of nihility became entity,
& Brymir Hargaut, the loathe bastard, devoured the mother.

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Penitent, contrite, the matricidic cannibal wept
a poisonous river of tears,
the Elivager, screaming anguish;
an ocean of venom flooding the *primus inanis*.
This tempestuous black sea of venomous corruption,
thick with brine frothing,
froze into the first land, Jotunnheimr.

Brymir Hargaut had fashioned the world,
baneful of ice, snow, freezing rain, mist, and vapor.

Wrapping about him the cold winds coldly cloaking,
Brymir Hargaut tread dread Jotunnheimr esurient,
beleaguered and forlorn.

Audhumbla, a mean beast of burden, fashioned he
wild, hornless, formed of the *ptomainaeous* clouds :
its malevolent breath was fog. Woeful, its bray
malignant, resounding
triumphant throughout the rancorous heavens.

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Then Brymir Hargaut took nourishment from the creatures' creamy-rich milk.

Auðumbla licks Búri out of a stone while four rivers of milk flow from her udders in this illustration from an 18th century Icelandic manuscript.

***Inuksuit at the Foxe Peninsula* (*Baffin Island*)**

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Now Brymir Hargaut brought about an age of nascence,
& wrought the Hrimthursar, wicked giants;
heads of stone, feet of ice, hearts of frost,
theirs was the desolate waste.

Before any others were those sovereigns destined to rule:
inherent reality was theirs to claim.

Prolifigate, abhorrent Skrymir-Lophur was first created;
regnant, wanton, and jealous ...
Next brought into existence were three siblings :
Kari, second born,
& twins who loved each other dearly …
Hler Ægir and Ran, *the sister*.

These four were called the Ases.

Aurochs on a cave painting in Lascaux, France

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Preponderant, Skrymir-Lophur ruled Jotunnheimr cruel,
& dominion over the Ases was his legacy ...

Learning of Audhumbla freely wandering the gelid spume, and
cognizant of how Brymir Hargaut the bovine enamoured ...
this emulous first-born As designed malfeasance.

Turning his thoughts against the mundane cow,
for its flesh secretly lusting,
odious, insurgent, spawned the obdurate monarch,
hatred rout:
his loathe intent to run amok.

Skrymir-Lophur loved not Brymir Hargaut.
Neither Audhumbla, nor the Ases, or Jotunnheimr either!

The Aurora Borealis as viewed from the ISS Expedition 6 team.
Lake Manicouagan is visible to the bottom left.

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Kari reigned over the furious heavens,
Vindheim called him these rampageous winds.

Skrymir-Lophur, envious, sought to cheat Kari
by artifice and rapine, and possess the vacant firmament ...

Brymir Hargaut, though, forgave his nefarious child this wrong,
& Skrymir-Lophur, in an evil way, was very much satisfied
for having troubled brother, *who* angered, ceaseless raged
havoc, ferocious and grim,
mauling glacial Jotunnheimr.

Thus, by this mischievous plot, upheaval was caused, and
Skrymir-Lophur, the schemer, the scoundrel, was pleased
for all this he had contrived.

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Hler Ægir had dominion over all the poisoned waters, ruling,
Eagorheim ... the *bathysphaira* ebullate.

Such was his ruinous nature,
Skrymir-Lophur, the mean deceiver, again created malice, and
caused by a clever lie to set brother against brother :
Kari and Hler Ægir, clashing, combatants, warred!

Sable aquas crested majestically and devastating fell ...

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Brymir Hargaut punished the demented Skrymir-Lophur, and
Jotunnheimr waned inundated ... by deluge lessened.

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Ran, only daughter, bequest ascendancy over the foaming surf:
O, Brymir Hargaut truly favoured her solemn song,
Resonate, resounding throughout the airy heavens,
from *aqua sentiens* to their empyreal zenith.

Skrymir-Lophur, lunatic wroth,
& Ran, he deceived,
concupiscent, incestuous,
Hler Ægir, her libidinous seduction debauched.

Humiliated, guilty, disgraced,
together into abysmal seclusion retired.

Thus ends the Golden Age of Creation.

Thus begins the Silver Age of Creation.

- The Wave Maidens -

Griep, Egia, Augeia, Ulfrun, Aurgiafa, Sindar, Atla, Aiarnsaxa,
nine terrible daughters to honour Brymir Hargaut mothered Ran;
& Sjören, most like her mother ... was youngest.
Lamentuous, from the shores of diminished Jotunnheimr,
her voice orchestrated coalescence.

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Brymir Hargaut turned his thoughts once again to creation:
fashioned he the second-born of the race of giants, the Hrimthursar.
The Ases adminiculy served in their own way –
& the world with violent children *was* populated.

Bergelmir emerged from the ice before the others:
Johul, Frosti, Snøer, Orifta, Iarnåsāfa, & Angr-botha.

The Wave Maidens delighted in the conception of their cousins.

But Skrymir-Lophur, despicable, skulking,
a vacuous avarice sate. Doomed subordinate,
the Hrimthursar were conscripted into constructing
Utgärd, a secret city!

In Jotunnheimr reigned an usurper – tyrannical & cruel.

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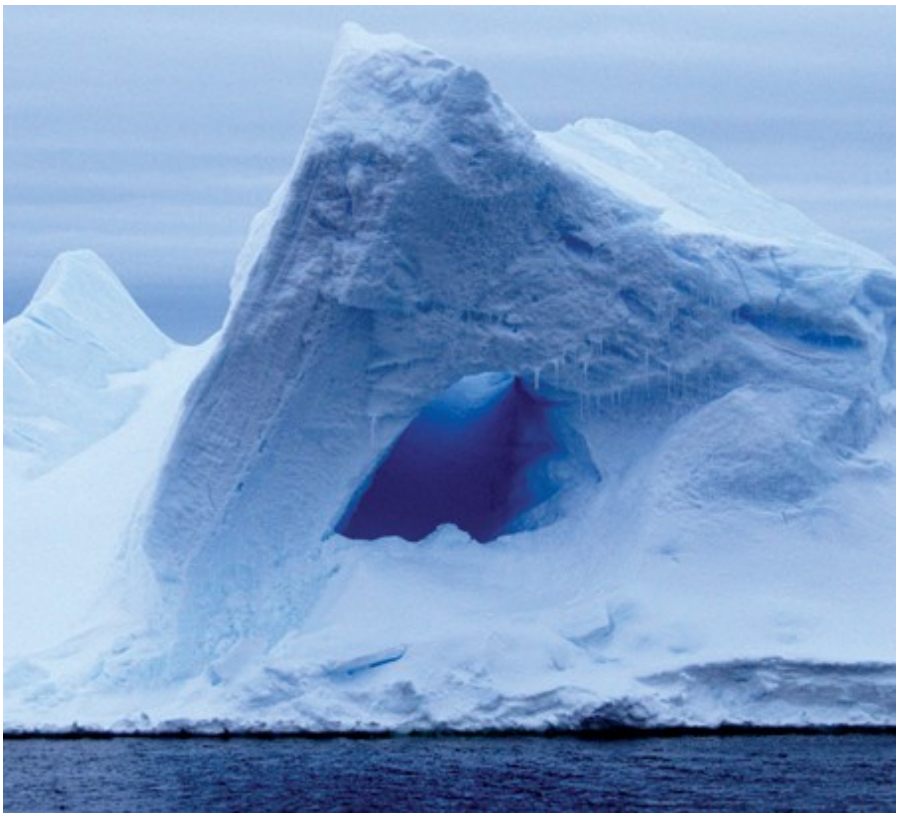
The helot Hrimthursar soon turned into a crude & lawless breed.



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The Hrimthursar grew unkempt. & Jotunnheimr *now* despised.

Skrymir-Lophur Magus ill-treated & tormented all … sore
hatred in their hearts spawned, kindled fiery;
burning strongest in Angr-botha:
& she was thus made ugly.

Incited by lies & deceit … they plot! against Brymir Hargaut.
Yet Bergelmir & Iarnåsāfa fled Utgärd – together
pursued by Angr-botha, the ugly 'half-sister',
north to worlds end …
though forgiven such nefarious guilt's, by *All-Father*,
skulking slunk away, the *trickster*,
taking Angr-botha the Ugly
north to worlds end.

Niflheim … a cold black world of fog.

And Gnipahellr … a great hole delved the fugitives into the opaque ice:
a dreadful cavern carved out of snow
wherein much evil conceived …

To rule Utgärd, Brymir Hargaut sat Bergelmir upon its great stone throne,
& with an weighty helm of iron didst crown his head –
calling him Magus, *Father* …
& over all giants of frost & ice & snow,
he wield a mighty fine scepter.

& Iarnåsāfa the Giantess was tricked
with cunning lies & much wickedness.
Skrymir-Lophur – calling him *Magus* – the despot
stolen back into *the secret city* & into its citadel,
strew seeds of discontent & corruption … once more.

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Farbuti & Nalaufrey were ill-begot of mountain,
& when their vile anomalous malleability was recognized:
mother would not love her greatest children …
& they were her first offspring.

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Iarnåsāfa the Giantess, to please Brymir Hargaut, the furious …
becoming both sister & mother … bare she Bestla,
most *Beloved* of giants of stone, & of rock:
to help make others of the giants of stone & of rock.

& Farbuti wrongly took to wife his crude sister, Nalaufrey:
& Byleipt, wicked & rebellious … spawned.

Skrymir-Lophur *Magus* slunk again into *the secret citidal*,
spreading rumours & inciting revolution …

Byleipt listened.

& Johul, Frosti, Snoer & Orifta followed example …

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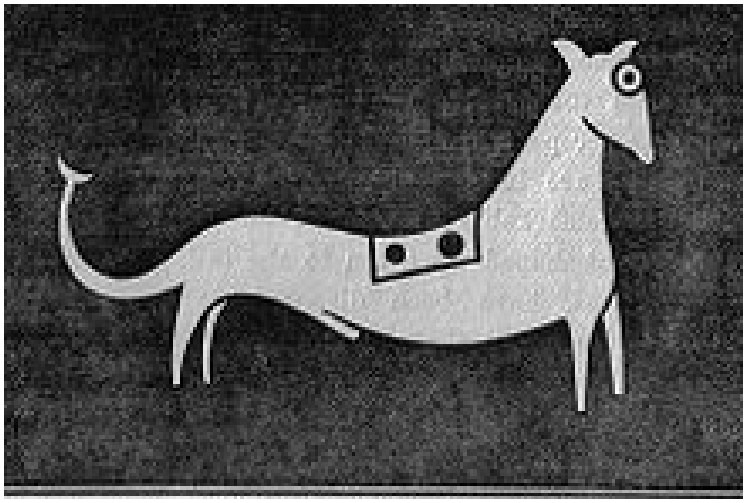
Skrymir-Lophur Magus forced the revolting giants to hunt Audhumbla,
whom was discovered … licking salt from the ice & snow
& giving birth … to all the other beasts -
shaped by the bovines tongue,
slick & slippery swift,
Svadilfare, an eight-legged steed, emerging 'first-most':
& desirous to possess this blest new-born creature,
the *monsters* were revealed
as they fought amoungst themselves …



The Westbury White Horse in 1772

Aerial view of the Cerne Abbas Giant

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They all agreed to Lie about this Deed … "to our creature"!
Saying, it was a mistake; & it never happened:
& Skrymir-Lophur – Magus – the father of all lies & deceit was deceived.

But Byleipt, the unlovable, & an untrustable traitor, a fool,
seeking selfish reward & laudable vainglory,
revealed all –
of the rogue giants to their master …

& they were punished.

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Remembering their punishment …
while laying in hiding, waiting & spying, watching
Audhumbla – they forgot! & each lusted …
witnessing Eikthyrnir, the heort, born:
a great, powerful stag that all those wicked giants wanted.

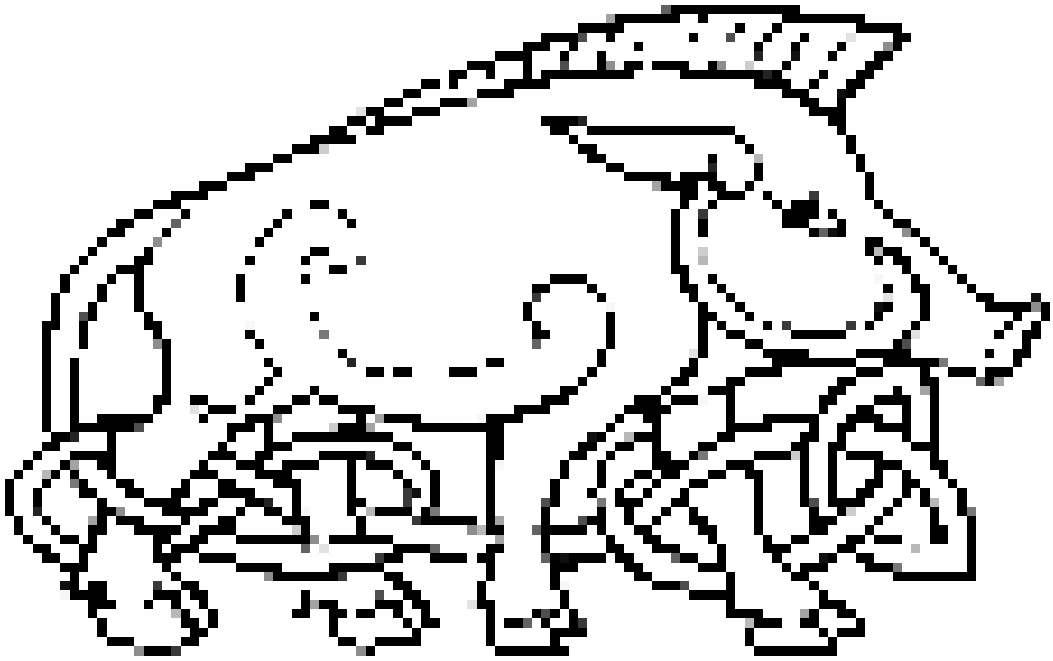
Again, they were revealed as they fought amoungst themselves,
all claiming possession for that none could own,

& Eikthyrnir dashing bolted leaps & bounds …
pursued by the chaotic host.

Unable to capture the majestic animal,
they blamed each the other
for the failure.
& Skrymir-Lophur, magus, angered
& punished them …

in a great rage,
their wicked master chased them off, promising
destruction as reward for further failure.

Remembering
their fate & the fear of their doom … they were afraid
for Byleipt was with them!
& discovering Audhumbla birthing Sæhrimner,
though they all wanted, drooling for the boar
& grimacing at its razor tusks … unrelenting …



Unyielding … they took off after *the mundane cow*.

That repulsive host:
&, O, all those disgusting giants laid their hands upon her!
But she would not allow herself to be humbled,
though, by foul means, they laid her down,
prostrate before *Magus* …
& Skrymir-Lophur made to corrupt her into servitude.
But she would not be corrupted by ruthlessness.

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Skrymir-Lophur, Angr-botha the Ugly, & Byleipt, delved
a deeper hole into the cold, frozen barren … to hide:
Hvergelmr, the boiling cauldron, bubbling,
spewing forth frothing,

a bloody river of maggots becoming
every other living thing creeping & crawling …

& Brymir Hargaut noticed
the many small & insignificant bodies creeping & crawling
over the firmament, cold & dead;
& in the waters, briny & clear;
& throughout the heavens …

Brymir Hargaut lost all love for his nefarious first-born son;
but, this suited 'the wicked bastard' well,
for the evil child pleasure, joyfully tricking … frenzied anger
burning hate … in once warm hearts:
& in the heart of All-Father.

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Surtr … more terrible than any wicked bastard, reigned,
hating the guts of every living creation.
A fiery avenger sent to punish … sent to Niflheim:
sent by A Force Greater … to avenge Audhumbla & for revenge …

& Surtr punished the wicked giants … scorching the frozen wastelands.

& from the melting snow, an icy river was newly formed, flowing
coldly from *the east* through poisoned vales … Slith.

Krafla volcano in Iceland in 1984

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Byleipt espied Surtr & informed Skrymir-Lophur,
saying ‘Magus’ – & lying, viciously:
& the tyrants entreated each other … plotting,
each brute inclined to depose All-Father Brymir Hargaut;
& together decided to inherit the world & share all in it:
though neither trusted the other,
& though either thought to deceive the other.

To the Ases Byleipt was sent … with instructions for surrender
& supplication. But, convinced the malicious whelp, none,
of nothing …
& Byleipt thought only of himself, & sought to profit …

The Ases became enraged & furious created
gloomy Vindsvaloni with ‘coldest cold’ for breath:
a forewarning wind …

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The evil host gathered together, & mingled:
& by the order ushered chaos … out against The Creator.

Angr-botha the Ugly feigned to stay & guard her hole,
that graven nest wherewith they had been hidden … devising
their cunning plans to follow … maliciously.

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Bergelmir Magus led the Jotunn
out of Utgärd … to defend …

& fierce with bloodlust … a hidden enemy
ambushed … but,
Bolutron & Bestla would not by the Jotunn be detained.
Johul, Frosti, Snoer, & Orifta were routed.

“*Kampf der untergehenden_Götter*” (1882) by Friedrich Wilhelm Heine

Skrymir-Lophur blamed Byleipt for this defeat,
& Farbuti & Nalaufrey were chosen … to punish
& chastise their foul offspring … they would not!

Then Skrymir-Lophur, wicked father of lies,
as the penitent son, repentant …presented himself:
&, as it was so planned … Surtr sorely struck at unawares.
O, the cowards … they did it …
& afterwards …
Brymir Hargaut was not!

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& the body of Brymir Hargaut, whom was no more *a life* …
Skrymir-Lophur went to defile,
but, a great herd of hoofed beasts protected it.
Bergelmir Magus & Iarnåsāfa the Giantess wept aloud, saying,
"Praise these lowly creatures …"

Farbuti & Nalaufrey, secreted in shadow, witnessed
Svadilfare permitting Bergelmir Magus to mount … & they rode …

conclusion fragmented

Iarnasafa fashions a new life out of the dead body of Brymir Hargaut,

– Blain Jafnhargaut –

And all the maggoty creatures populated the world.

Odin and Sleipnir
A Norse mythology image from the 18th century Icelandic manuscript "SÁM 66"
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